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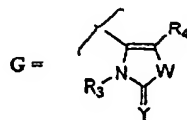
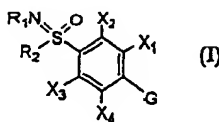
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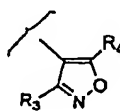
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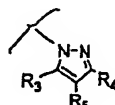
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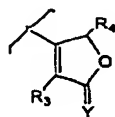
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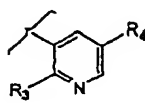
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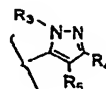
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(57) Abstract: The present invention describes novel compounds of formula (I) having antiinflammatory activity, process for their preparation and pharmaceutical composition containing them.

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This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

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2. ☒ Claims Nos.:
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3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
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Present claim 1 relates to an extremely large number of possible compounds. In fact, the claim contains so many options, particularly due to the use of the terms "their analogs, their derivatives" that a lack of clarity (and/or conciseness) within the meaning of Article 6 PCT arises to such an extent as to render a meaningful search of the claim impossible.

Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the application which do appear to be clear (and/or concise), namely the compounds of formula (I) according to claim 1, for which G is A, B, C, D, E and F and those compounds recited in the examples of the application.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.